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SUBJ: SYG LONATI'S REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST WTO GENERAL
ASSEMBLY

REF: GENEVA 157

1. IN TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION WITH MISSION OFFICER, JANUARY 21, 1975,
SYG LONATI REPORTED ON PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING FIRST
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (WTO). MAIN POINTS
OF CONVERSATION FOLLOWS

A. PLACE OF MEETING: LONATI REPORTED (AND SWISS POLITICAL DEPT
OFFICER MUHEIM CONFIRMED IN SEPARATE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON
JANUARY 20) THAT SWISS, IN LETTER DATED JAN 13, HAD OFFICIALLY
ANNOUNCED THEY UNABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR
FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTED BY WTO. THEY NEVERTHELESS
HOPED BY END OF JANUARY TO BE ABLE TO REPORT ON PROSPECTS
OF SWISS FINANCIAL AID TO WTO FOR ASSEMBLY, AND INDICATED THEIR
CONTINUING WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST SYG IN ARRANGING EVENTUAL
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MEETING IN GENEVA TO ENABLE SYG TO CONFORM WITH WTO

STATUTES.

LONATI ALSO REPORTED THAT UN OFFICIALS IN GENEVA CONFIRMED THAT BECAUSE TAIWAN IS A MEMBER OF THE WTO IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE UN TO OFFER ANY UN HALL IN GENEVA FOR USE FOR THE WTO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ACCORDINGLY WITH NO PROSPECT OF HOLDING THE ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA UNTIL JUNE AT THE EARLIEST-AND EVEN THAT NOT SURE IT IS UNDERSTOOD-AND WITH NO PROSPECT OF HOLDING THE MEETING IN ONE OF THE MANY UN HALLS IN GENEVA, LONATI DECIDED TO CONSULT WITH THE MISSIONS OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH FORMALLY OFFERED TO HOST THE MEETING AND TO PAY ALL EXPENSES THEREFOR. IN THIS CONNECTION LONATI STRESSED THAT THE WTO HAS NO RPT NO FUNDS WHATSOEVER AVAILABLE TO FINANCE THE FIRST ASSEMBLY.

CONSEQUENTLY ON JANUARY 20, LONATI CONSULTED WITH THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR AND MEXICAN CHARGE CONCERNING THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS' OFFERS TO HOST FIRST ASSEMBLY IN MADRID AND MEXICO CITY RESPECTIVELY. HE ASKED THEM TO CONFIRM BY JANUARY 24 THEIR OFFERS, WITH DETAILS, AND TO INDICATE THE EARLIEST DATE HE COULD CONVENE THE ASSEMBLY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS.

AS PRELIMINARY ACTION HE IS NOW CONSULTING WITH REGIONAL GROUP REPRESENTATIVES--IRISH FOR EEC; BRAZILIAN FOR LATIN AMERICANS; NIGERIAN FOR GROUP OF 77 AND AFRICA; ALGERIAN FOR ARABS; AND PHILIPPINE FOR ASIANS--AND WITH "LEADING COUNTRIES" RE THEIR PREFERENCES REGARDING SITE OF FIRST ASSEMBLY.

LONATI PLANS TO SEND LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS ON JANUARY 24 REQUESTING THEIR PREFERENCE FOR PLACE TO HOLD FIRST ASSEMBLY. HE WILL GIVE THEM BRIEF DEADLINE FOR REPLY. HE WILL NOT DISTRIBUTE ASSEMBLY AGENDA UNTIL HE IS ABLE TO LIST PLACE AND PRECISE OPENING DATE.

B. DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS FOR ASSEMBLY: THIS WEEK LONATI ALSO PLANS TO DISTRIBUTE THREE ASSEMBLY DOCUMENTS TO WTO MEMBERS, WITH INFO COPIES TO FORMER IUOTO MEMBERS NOT YET WTO MEMBERS: 1) RULES OF PROCEDURE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY; 2) RULES OF PROCEDURE OF WTO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL; AND 3) FINANCIAL REGULATIONS. EARLY IN FEBRUARY HE PLANS TO FORWARD MEMBERS 1) THE DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1976-7; 2) THE LUSAKA FORMULA; AND 3) THE WTO STAFF REGULATIONS, PLUS OTHER DOCUMENTS.

LONATI SAID THAT CANADIAN EXPERT WOULD BE IN GENEVA JANUARY 27-31 TO ASSIST HIM IN REVISION OF BUDGET ALONG PBS (PROGRAM BUDGETING) LINES; HENCE THE DELAY UNTIL FEBRUARY IN SENDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUDGET TO MEMBERS FOR STUDY.

LONATI ALSO STATED THAT HE WAS IN PROCESS OF INFORMING MISSIONS HE WAS CONSULTING RE FIRST ASSEMBLY THAT THEY SHOULD COME PREPARED TO NOMINATE A SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE ORGANIZATION. ON UN ADVICE HE WAS NOT SOLICITING THESE NOMINATIONS BY LETTER PRIOR TO THE ASSEMBLY.

LONATI RAISED QUESTION PRESIDENCY OF FIRST ASSEMBLY. IT WAS AGREED THAT PROBABLY BEST PROCEDURE FOR INAUGURAL ASSEMBLY

WAS TO FOLLOW DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL AND HAVE CHIEF OF DELEGATION OF HOST GOVERNMENT SERVE AS CHAIRMAN. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT THIS PROCEDURE NEED NOT BE FOLLOWED AT SUBSEQUENT ASSEMBLIES.

C. DURATION, SIZE OF FIRST ASSEMBLY: SYG LONATI SAID HE PLANNED A TWO WEEK SESSION FOR FIRST ASSEMBLY, WITH OPTION OF THIRD WEEK IF ASSEMBLY SO DECIDES. HE SAID HE EXPECTED 80 NATIONAL DELEGATIONS AND MANY AFFILIATED MEMBER DELEGATIONS (COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE INTERESTS) OR TOTAL OF AROUND 400 DELEGATES TO ATTEND.

2. COMMENT: USG WILL NEED TO DECIDE ITS PREFERENCE FOR MADRID OR MEXICO CITY PROVIDED IT INTENDS TO INVKE ARTICLE 42 AND ASSUME ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN WTO. IF USG WISHES TO DISSUADE LONATI FROM PLANNING TO HOLD FIRST WTO ASSEMBLY OUTSIDE GENEVA USG WOULD NEED TO OFFER COUNTER SUGGESTION RE FINANCING MEETING (TO TUNE OF AN EXTIMATED 800,000 SWISS FRANCS OR \$320,000 AT PRESENT EXCHANGE RATE) AND TO FIND WAY TO RECONCILE TIMING REQUIRMENTS OF WTO STATUTES WITH A FIRST ASSEMBLY CONVENED NOT EARLIER THAN JUNE. IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO ACCEPT INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 8, PARA 2 OF WTO STATUTES THAT "RESPECTIVE ORGANS HAVE DECIDED OTHERWISE"; NAMELY, TO HOLD MEETING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ANOTHER PLACE THAN HEADQUARTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

D. MAIN DECISIONS OF ASSEMBLY: LONATI SEES THE ASSEMBLY HAVING TO MAKE THREE MAJOR DECISIONS: 1) ADOPTING LUSAKA FORMULA RE ASSESSMENTS AND LINKING IT TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS; 2) APPROVING BUDGET AND MAIN LINES OF PROGRAM AS CONTAINED IN BUDGET PRESENTATION; AND 3) ADOPTING RESOLUTION STIPULATING THAT REGULAR BUDGET FUNDS OF WTO WILL NOT BE USED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IN CONNECTION WITH POINT 3, LONATI SIAD IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO NEGOTIATE ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE UN OR THE UNDP UNTIL THE TAIWAN MEMBERSHIP ISSUE IS RESOLVED. RE POINT 2, LONATI ENVISAGES COUNCIL WORKING OUT DETAILS OF WTO PROGRAM, BEEFING OUT MAIN LINES APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY.
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E. ISSUE OF TAIWAN MEMBERSHIP IN WTO: LONATI REVIEWED HISTORY OF TAIWAN'S ADHERENCE TO THE WTO STATUTES AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR WTO IN TERMS OF EXCLUSION FROM COOPERATION WITH UN AND IN TERMS OF THE POLITICAL PROBLEM IT WILL RAISE AT FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW ORGANIZATION. HE SAID HE WOULD FORMALLY INVITE TAIWAN TO ATTEND FIRST ASSEMBLY AS HE WAS LEGALLY REQUIRED TO DO SO, BUT HE HOPED TAIWAN WOULD NOT ATTEND. IN THIS CONNECTION HE SAID THAT WHILE IN MANILA FOR THE JOINT IATA-WTO CONFERENCE ON AIR TRANSPORT AND TOURISM IN FEBRUARY HE HOPED TO FLY TO TAIPEI TO CONFER WITH WELLINGTON TSAO, DIRECTOR, CHINESE TOURISM ADMINISTRATION, AND ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE TAIWAN FROM ATTENDING FIRST WTO ASSEMBLY. HE ASKED IF THIS VISIT WOULD IN ANY WAY EMBARRASS THE U.S. MISSION OFFICER REPLIED THAT AS SYG OF WTO IT WAS HIS RIGHT TO CONSULT WITH ANYONE WHOM HE WISHED CONCERNING WORK AND PROBLEMS OF FIRST ASSEMBLY. COMMENT: MISSION OFFICER

BELIEVES LONATI FIRMLY PLANS TO CONFER WITH TSAO.
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